

DECLARATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "Zipper Fins For Plastic Bags," the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119 or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT international application, having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATIONS

Priority  
Claimed

Yes/No

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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Application Number Filing Date

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s), or § 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT international application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

08/759,445 December 5, 1996 Pending  
Application Number Filing Date Status

I hereby direct that all correspondence and telephone calls be addressed as follows.

Ronald B. Coolley  
Reg. No. 27,187  
Arnold White & Durkee  
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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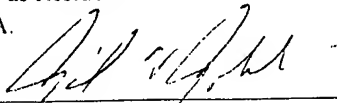
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Full name of second inventor:

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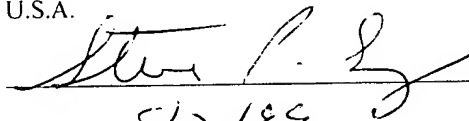
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PATENT

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In Re Application Of: ) Atty. Docket No.: PCOS:018  
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David V. Dobreski ) Examiner: Not Assigned  
Steve P. Long )  
 ) Group Art Unit: 1772  
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Application No.: 09/309,001 )  
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Filed: May 10, 1999 )  
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For: Zipper Fins For Plastic Bags )  
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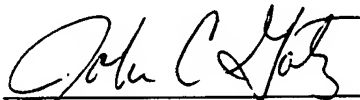
Dear Sir:

Submitted herewith is an "Election Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 3.71 and 3.73 And Power Of Attorney" for the above-referenced application.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**PATENT**

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Steve P. Long	)	
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Application No.: 09/309,001	)	Group Art Unit: 1772
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For: Zipper Fins For Plastic Bags	)	

**ELECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 3.71 AND 3.73  
AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The undersigned, being Assignee of record of the entire interest in the above-identified application by virtue of an Assignment recorded in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office as set forth below, hereby elects, under 37 C.F.R. § 3.71, to prosecute the application to the exclusion of the inventors.

The Assignee hereby revokes any previous Powers of Attorney and appoints:

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each an attorney or agent for the firm of ARNOLD WHITE & DURKEE, as its attorney or agent for so long as they remain with such firm, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute the application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith, to receive any Letters Patent, and to file any request for a certificate of correction that may be deemed appropriate for one year after issuance of such Letters Patent.

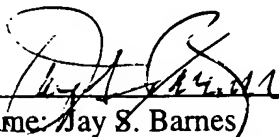
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 3.73, the undersigned has reviewed the evidentiary documents, specifically the Assignment referenced below, and certifies that to the best of his knowledge and belief, title remains in the name of the Assignee, TENNECO PACKAGING INC..

Please direct all communications as follows.

Ronald B. Coolley  
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TENNECO PACKAGING INC.

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Steve P. Long

STATE OF New York )  
COUNTY OF Ontario ) SS:

**BEFORE ME**, the undersigned authority, on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May 1999, personally appeared Steve P. Long, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Suzanne L. Parmenter  
Notary Public

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**SUZANNE L. PARMENTER**  
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☐ Security Agreement ☐ Change of Name  
☐ Other

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2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):

Name: Tenneco Packaging Inc.

Internal Address:

Street Address: 1900 West Field Court

City: Lake Forest

State: Illinois

Zip: 60045

Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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I, EDWARD J. FREEL, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THE ATTACHED IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT OF "TENNECO PACKAGING INC.", CHANGING ITS NAME FROM "TENNECO PACKAGING INC." TO "PACTIV CORPORATION", FILED IN THIS OFFICE ON THE FOURTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, A.D. 1999, AT 4:01 O'CLOCK P.M.



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Edward J. Freel, Secretary of State

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**CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT  
OF  
RESTATED CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
TENNECO PACKAGING INC.**

Tenneco Packaging Inc., a corporation duly organized and existing under the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the "Corporation"), does hereby certify that:

1. The Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Corporation is hereby amended by deleting Article FIRST thereof and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

"FIRST. The name of the Corporation is Pactiv Corporation."

2. The foregoing amendment was duly adopted in accordance with the provisions of Sections 242 and 228 (by the written consent of the sole stockholder of the Corporation) of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.

3. This Certificate of Amendment, and the amendment effected hereby, shall become effective at 4:01 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, on November 4, 1999.

STATE OF DELAWARE  
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DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS  
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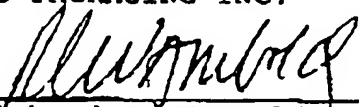
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Tenneco Packaging Inc. has caused  
this Certificate to be executed by its duly authorized officer, on  
this 14th day of November, 1999.

TENNECO PACKAGING INC.

By:

  
Richard L. Wambold  
President

C. Chicago  
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